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SINKIANG-USSR HIGHWAY, BRIDGES REPAIRED;  
50 PERCENT OF EAST KWANGTUNG HIGHWAYS USABLE

REPAIRS SINKIANG-USSR HIGHWAY -- Urumchi Sinkiang Jih-pao, 30 Apr 50

Urumchi -- To improve overland traffic between Sinkiang and the USSR, the Sinkiang Provincial Transportation Office has undertaken to repair the highway from Hsing-hsing-hsia on the Kansu-Sinkiang border to Khorgos on the Sinkiang-Kazakh SSR border.

At present, the Sui-lai--Urumchi section of the highway is being repaired. According to estimates, this section will require the repair or construction of two bridges totaling 96 meters in length, and 308 wooden bridge foundations, the repair and strengthening of 65 bridge foundations, the construction of 9,844 meters of embankments, the dredging of 4,776 cubic meters of earth for drainage ditches, and the resurfacing of roadbeds with 2,655 cubic meters of paving materials. The section is expected to be completed in one month.

The Urumchi--Hami section will be started after the completion of the Sui-lai--Urumchi section. Bridge foundations on the Khorgos--Sui-lai section are being constructed with concrete reinforced blocks. The wooden bridge framework will be replaced with concrete in the future.

COMPLETES MA-NA-SSU HO BRIDGE -- Urumchi Sinkiang Jih-pao, 29 Apr 50

Urumchi -- Reconstruction of the Ma-na-ssu Ho bridge, located 140 kilometers northeast of Urumchi, was completed on 16 April 1950 by the First Military Engineer Regiment of the Sinkiang Military District. The bridge is situated on the important highway which links the Soviet Union with China.

The bridge has been in disrepair for five years after it was destroyed by the KMT reactionaries in September 1945. The reconstruction of the bridge was started on 16 December 1949.

The bridge is 248 feet long, 9 feet wide, and 8 feet high. It has 16 foundations, and a load capacity of 25 tons. Except for its wooden framework, the bridge is constructed with stone blocks.

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CONTINUES REPAIRS ON EASTERN KWANGTUNG ROADS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 31 May 50

Canton, 30 May -- Repairs on five highways in the Tung Chiang area in Kwangtung Province are being continued. The first phase of repairs on 270 kilometers of highways from Hui-yang to Wu-hua through Tzu-chin, and from Tan-shui to P'ing-shan was completed some time ago.

The second phase has just been completed. It includes repairs on highways from Hui-yang to Ho-yuan through Po-lo, and from Tseng-ch'eng to Lung-men through Hsin-feng; a 21.9-meter-long concrete bridge on the Tan-shui--Shen-Ch'uan highway; and the 80.5-meter-long Ta-i bridge, the 27.8-meter-long I-yang bridge, and a 14.5-meter-long steel bridge on the Hui-yang--Swatow highway.

It was reported on 27 May at a meeting of the Tung Chiang Area Highway Control Bureau that a total of 692.5 kilometers of highways and 426 highway bridges have been repaired since the liberation, and at present, 50 percent of all highways in this area are repaired and usable.

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